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PETITION on East Timor

For the past five years, while the armed forces of the Republic of Indonesia invaded the territory of the people of East Timor and controlled their land by military occupation and physical intimidation, our government(s) have supplied the military arms which have made this possible and deprived the United Nations of their full diplomatic support for finding a political solution of the situation in East Timor.

I/We deplore the position of our government, which has unnecessarily placed strategic alliances and economic interests above the welfare of the people, and which bends and neglects the decisions and efforts of international institutions to suit its political needs.

I/We join others in support of the 1981 United Nations resolution on the question of East Timor in an effort to change the position of our government in order that the people of East Timor be granted their international right to self-determination.

The suffering of the people of East Timor must not be forgotten, and the efforts of such international institutions as the United Nations must not be ignored if we ever hope to achieve world peace and order through these international bodies. Therefore I/we endorse the following resolution and call on our government(s) to do the same.

1981 UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION
on
The Question of East Timor

1. Reaffirm the inalienable right of the people of East Timor to self-determination and independence, in accordance with the General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960;

2. Declare that the people of East Timor must be enabled to freely determine their own future on the basis of relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions;

3. Express the deepest concern at the suffering of the people of East Timor as a result of the continuing Indonesian military occupation of that territory;

4. Call upon the Government of Indonesia to cooperate fully with the United Nations and all interested parties, namely the Government of Portugal, as the Administering power, and the Representatives of the East Timorese people, with a view to guarantee the full exercise of the right to self-determination by the people of East Timor;

5. Call upon the Government of Portugal to discharge fully its responsibilities as the Administering power and to report to the Security Council and the General Assembly about the results of its initiative;

6. Request the World Food Program, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to intensify their efforts in assisting the people of East Timor, within their respective field of competence;

7. Request the Secretary General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

8. Request the United Nations to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session an item entitled "the Question of East Timor".

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May we publicize your endorsement of the resolution ___Yes ___No

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